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Iran

In an address to members of the national mobilization corps, carried by Tehran radio, Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeyni noted current concern about and speculation on his health, saying that doctors have "warned and advised" him not to speak too often but when he refrains from appearing for a couple of days "foreign radios say this or that has happened." Putting his role in Iranian affairs into perspective, Khomeyni said that Iran is not in a condition in which "one should wonder what would happen if I were not here" and that Iran's revolution would continue regardless of "whether I am here or the country's situation is thrown into chaos." The imam concluded that "the nation has found its way itself and will continue to pursue this path." On 19 August Tehran radio carried a strongly worded admonition to its audience not to see Khomeyni without an appointment, as doctors had "strictly banned" meetings with him because they were "harmful to his health and condition." Two days later, in comments reported by Tehran radio, Ayatollah Montazeri stressed the importance of keeping Khomeyni healthy because the "unity, independence and all aspects of the life of the country depend on the health of the imam."

Foreign Minister Sadeq Qotbzadeh, in an interview with the ISLAMIC REVOLUTION newspaper, reported by AFP but not mentioned by Iran's broadcast media, said that the next Iranian government stands "no chance of success" and that the only thing keeping the people from revolting against their "repressors" is their confidence in Khomeyni. Qotbzadeh also said that all the current government's foreign policy initiatives had received "mortal blows from within." Tehran media have only indirectly reported the harsh criticisms Qotbzadeh has recently leveled against fundamentalist circles in Iran when reporting responses made to them by major conservative figures in the current regime.

Shiraz radio carried an announcement by the Muslim student followers of the imam's policy stating that the hostages being held in Shiraz had been transferred to an "undisclosed location." This followed student statement 142 issued on 25 August, which accused the United States of planning another raid to free the hostages and announced that all hostages held in provincial towns would be moved to secret locations. Ayatollah Seyyed Mohammad Beheshti, in comments reported by AFP, said that the hostages situation "remained important and had to be resolved" but should not be allowed to "eclipse" other Iranian problems. Beheshti also repeated the standard Iranian line that the hostages are being held to give Iran a forum in which to explain to the world the "aggressive and cruel" U.S. policy toward Iran in past years.

Heralding another step in the mounting campaign against the Anglican Church in Iran, which has already resulted in the arrest and harassment of the church's leading figures and adherents, Tehran radio announced that a document has been obtained proving that an Anglican priest had contacted the Pentagon to acknowledge receipt of $500 million to be used to finance a plot to overthrow the government and kill the imam. British Ambassador John Graham was also allegedly implicated in the conspiracy by evidence that he had passed on 300 kilograms of explosives to dissidents in the military. Tehran radio reported United Kingdom cut its diplomatic staff in Iran to four persons.

Israel

According to Jerusalem radio, the Foreign Ministry reaffirmed the 25 August Cabinet announcement that the United States had made "specific promises" to move its embassy to Jerusalem and "rejected" a State Department denial of this assertion.

MA'ARIV said that "political circles" in Jerusalem were "amazed" that the State Department had issued this denial after apparently "distorting" Prime Minister Menahim Begin's remarks to mean that it was the State Department itself that had made the promise. MA'ARIV's sources noted, and the Foreign Ministry spokesman confirmed, that the Cabinet decision and the prime minister never said that the State Department had intended to transfer the U.S. Embassy to Jerusalem but had stated that such a "promise" had been included in the Democratic platform of 1976 and "reconfirmed" this month at the New York convention. The "political sources" cited by MA'ARIV implied that they are aware that a platform cannot be taken as an official statement of U.S. Government policy but said that "one would assume that the platforms of the parties ought to be fulfilled in a democratic regime." Jerusalem radio also reported that Begin has sent a letter to Secretary of State Muskie which included "criticism" of the U.S. abstention on the UN Security Council resolution on Jerusalem. Israeli Ambassador 'Evron described the abstention as "one of the most serious developments" in U.S.-Israel relations.

In a related development, ITIM carried a Foreign Ministry announcement on the decision of the Netherlands to transfer its embassy from Jerusalem to Tel Aviv. The announcement called the decision a "grave mistake" and expressed "sympathy" with the government and people of the Netherlands who were "forced to succumb to unjustified intervention" in their relations with Israel after being "heavily pressured" by Arab countries.

Syria, Iraq

Maj Gen 'Aziz Rashid 'Aqrawi, a minister of state in the Iraqi Government, has fled to Syria. In a press conference in Damascus, reported by Damascus radio, 'Aqrawi accused the government of President Saddam Husayn, among other things, of trying to place Iraq in the "zone of U.S. influence," selling the United States oil at below-market prices, leading the "reactionary axis" which is trying to "compensate" the United States for the losses it has incurred as a result of the revolution in Iran and plotting against Syria and Iran. Not mentioned in the Damascus radio item but included in an AFP report on the press conference was 'Aqrawi's statement that he had left Iraq to join the "national Kurd movement" for the "establishment of a democratic autonomous regime in Kurdistan." Monitored Iraqi media have not reported 'Aqrawi's defection.

Saudi Arabia, YAR

In an address opening the Arab interior ministers conference in Riyadh, reported by Riyadh radio, Prince Fahd apparently qualified his call for a jihad, saying that it would be the "best and most correct solution" if "the diplomatic means pursued by some European states came to no avail." Fahd made no such qualification when on 13 August he asked the question: "Is not the Arabs' and Muslims' call for a prolonged and persistent jihad the only reply to Zionist religious and racial haughtiness?" In his speech to the interior ministers, Fahd stressed that the Arabs want peace, but "if forced to create a problem, we will do so."

SPA carried the joint communique issued at the conclusion of the 24-26 August visit to Riyadh by YAR President 'Ali 'Abdallah Salih. The communique stressed the desire of the two sides to continue cooperative relations and to keep the Arabian Peninsula "away from international strife," their concern over the situation in Lebanon and support for the Palestinians, and their intention to support efforts aimed at ending "foreign intervention" in the Horn of Africa. The document made no reference to the current extended contacts between the YAR and the PDRY on the issue of the reunification of the Yemens.

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BRZEZINSKI SOLUTION FOR AGHANISTAN REJECTED

LD252120 Kabul Domestic Service in Pashto 1530 GMT 25 Aug 80

[Unattributed commentary]

[Text] Brzezinski, President Carter's national security adviser, has made remarks on Afghanistan during an interview. Nothing new could be seen in the remarks of Brzezinski. They are indicative of self-made and baseless fabrications, as if the USSR were making an effort to impose its desires on the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan [DRA] and disrupt the security of Iran and Pakistan, or as if it threatened the Middle East oil regions, and similar fabrications. All these lying inventions are not new, and they probably do not deserve attention. At one time Brzezinski declared in a speech that the United States wants the Afghan question to be solved and that it is now up to the USSR to take measures in this regard. What is the meaning of these remarks? Is it because it was recently announced in Washington that the White House has decided to terminate the undeclared war set in motion against the DRA? And is Washington ready to react positively to the proposals that have been put forward by the DRA Government and that have been welcomed by the world's peace-loving nations.

The answer to these questions is negative; Washington has rejected these proposals. Brzezinski himself, while touching on the resolution of the so-called Afghan question, said that the solution, as he sees it, should include agreements suggesting some sort of power transfer from one hand to another. The important point is this: The solution of the Afghan question is the form desired by Washington is just as expected and is far from the cessation of armed interference in the free and independent Afghanistan.

This kind of solution resembles the wheeling and dealing of those who interfere in the internal affairs of others under the pretext of finding a solution and adopt as their final aim the toppling of a lawful government. In this way, the DRA Government [words indistinct]. This sort of a program is in full harmony with the spirit of the new Washington strategists, whose aim is to drag other countries into the zone dominated by imperialist policy and to form antipeople and reactionary dictatorships.

However, Mr Brzezinski forgot the point that Afghanistan is a free and independent and nonaligned country. It is not an American client state nor is it like the southern part of Korea, which openly (?follows) U.S. policy and where Washington can do anything it wishes. Similarly, Carter's national security affairs have come about in the DRA are irreversible and that neither the people of Afghanistan nor their friends allow anyone to look contemptuously at the regime of the DRA Government and the gains of its revolution.

A few days ago, in a New York TIMES article, Brzezinski (?was identified) as a madman whose provocative and dangerous statements greatly harm detente and relations between the United States and the Soviet Union. In a subsequent interview with an American magazine, Brzezinski failed to disprove the point made by the New York TIMES.

KARMAL INTERVIEWED BY ARABIC-LANGUAGE WEEKLY

LD261323 London AL-MAJALLAH in Arabic 23-29 Aug 80 p 29

[Interview with Babrak Karmal, chairman of the Revolution Council, prime minister and general secretary of the People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan--date of interview not given]

[Excerpt] Kabul, Afghanistan, Exclusive--AL-MAJALLAH has obtained the interview which the correspondent of the SIGMA agency has had with the chairman of Afghanistan. The following are the most important parts of the interview:

[Question] Western radios have broadcast a report on your assassination. What is your comment on this?

[Answer] Our country has three distinguished characteristics, namely, the revolution, heroism and generosity. Our country is now in a state of war against imperialism, racism and Zionism in order to consolidate peace, independence and progress. I am more aware than anybody else of the essence of imperialism and its military and aggressive aims. We are also aware that imperialism is directing its false propaganda against us, propaganda that is gradually being integrated. You have heard the venomous propaganda that has been broadcast by Deutsche Welle, the BBC of London, the Voice of America and the other imperialist voices. You have also heard the false reports regarding my health. It was reported yesterday that Education Minister Anahita Ratebzad had been assassinated. A report was broadcast today that many of my ministers had been arrested, including Interior Minister Sayyed Mohammad Golabzoy. Only one report was true--the one of the death of the deputy minister of higher education, Wali al-Yusufi. We announced his death as soon as he was murdered by the "terrorists" (meaning the insurgents). As for me personally, it is not the first time that reports on my death, suicide, resignation or confiscation of my property have been announced.

[Question] What is your personal opinion of the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan?

[Answer] First of all, I would like to give a brief account of the historical relations between the two countries, relations which are about 62 years old. The Soviet Union was the first state to rush to our rescue and give us moral and material aid following our liberation from the yoke of British colonialism. The Soviet Union was the first major power to recognize the independence of Afghanistan. It has not stopped for a single moment rendering various kinds of economic, political and military assistance to our people. This relationship, which we call a relationship of neighborliness, has strengthened at the highest levels since the 1978 Sawr Revolution. You may not be aware that a cooperation and friendship treaty was concluded with the Soviet Union in 1978 in the wake of the April revolution and was registered at the United Nations as an official document. According to Article 51 of this treaty, we asked for military aid from the Soviet Union to combat the U.S. imperialist violations and interference, which assumed various forms, on 14 different occasions before the December 1979 incidents which followed the emergence of a great danger and after all Soviet doubts on this matter were eliminated.

[Question] Did that danger constitute a serious threat?

[Answer] At that time, Afghanistan had to contend with various forms of threats resulting from the intimidations which U.S. imperialism had been exercising through Pakistan, China and other reactionary governments in the area and which were designed to nip the Sawr Revolution in the bud in order to turn our country into a sphere of influence for imperialism.

In other words, those threats were aimed at apportioning Afghanistan among Pakistan, China and other states after launching a local war that would have taken the lives of thousands of innocent victims. In fact, our sovereignty and territory was exposed to a great threat and we had no choice but to invite the Soviet Union to help us. Had it not been for the Soviet Union, Afghanistan would have disappeared from the map of the world.

[Question] For months now the Afghan insurgents have been active and preparing for a large-scale offensive in the summer. What is your comment on this?

[Answer] You have undoubtedly heard much talk about the siege of Kabul and about the bombing of scores of villages around the capital with napalm and gas bombs. Therefore, I would like you to convey the stark facts exactly as you have seen them. However, I would like to add to your information the fact that the mercenaries which Pakistan has been sending to our country have been crushed completely. These elements no longer have the strength to launch a guerrilla war against us, and, therefore, they have changed their methods and tactics.

[Question] What is the reality of the relations between Afghanistan and the Muslim countries, taking into account the first Islamic conference held in Islamabad last January, which adopted a hardline attitude toward Afghanistan, and also the second conference held last May, which decided to adopt political and diplomatic steps to resolve the problem?

[Answer] Our foreign policy is very clear and devoid of any equivocations or ambiguities. The statement issued by our Central Committee during its first meeting says: "Our relations with Pakistan and Iran would improve perceptibly if Pakistan were to stop its interference." Therefore, we will spare no effort to develop friendly relations with all states on the basis of mutual cooperation and noninterference in our internal affairs. If Pakistan agrees not to let its territory be used as a springboard for acts of aggression against our country and also agrees to give guarantees to this effect, the question of the Soviet forces' presence in our country could be resolved immediately without delay. Furthermore, we regard Afghanistan as a Muslim country and a natural member of the Islamic states group. For this reason, the current interference in an Islamic country by other Islamic countries such as Pakistan is illegal. Since we received no response to the letter we addressed to the first Islamic states conference in Islamabad, we made a new appeal to the second conference but the response was also negative. We realize that our position is very clear despite the fact that we have not received any response from the Pakistani and Iranian governments.

[Question] Do you believe that Afghanistan will continue to play its former role within the framework of the nonaligned states group?

[Answer] Afghanistan is a nonaligned country. Moreover, it is one of the founders of the nonaligned movement. For this reason, we will continue to play our charted role in cooperation with the rest of the nonaligned states in the world.

CLASHES WITH 'COUNTERREVOLUTIONARY ELEMENTS' REPORTED

Capture of 12 in Qonduz

LD221520 Kabul Domestic Service in Pashto 1430 GMT 22 Aug 80

[Text] A BAKHTAR correspondent reports from Qonduz Province that a group of destructive elements and ruffians who have been disrupting the peaceful life of the people of the [words indistinct] villages in the (Chardara) district of Qonduz Province and exploiting them mercilessly were surrounded by party activists and volunteers.

As a result of this 12 persons of this group linked with reaction and imperialism were captured. Various types of weapons, propaganda leaflets and membership cards proving their membership of subversive groups were found on them. They are undergoing further investigation.

Arrests in Baghlan Province

LD231732 Kabul Domestic Service in Pashto 1530 GMT 23 Aug 80

[Excerpt] According to a report from Baghlan Province, three leaders of a group of terrorists, robbers and murderers have recently been crushed and the rest of their collaborators have been arrested. This group of counterrevolutionary elements wanted to disrupt peace and order in the subdistrict of Baragi, in the district of Nahrin. A Baghlan Province official added: A variety of U.S. weapons, hundreds of bullets and a number of handgrenades were seized from these traitorous elements. The people of Nahrin district, who took an active part and cooperated with the resistance groups in crushing the counterrevolutionary elements, expressed their readiness for further cooperation and relentless struggle against these professional murderers and enemies of the homeland and Sawr Revolution.

Arrests in Various Provinces

LD251734 Kabul Domestic Service in Pashto 1530 GMT 25 Aug 80

[Text] A number of terrorists and bandits who had endangered the peaceful life of our toiling people have received just punishment for their crimes. According to a report by the security authorities of Helmand Province, a group of these saboteurs and enemies of our homeland who wanted to disrupt the peaceful life of the people of the Marja region of Nad 'Ali district in Helmand Province with their shameful activities were crushed by the forces of the revolution, the armed forces, party members and resistance groups and the honest cooperation of the noble, local people, and they were disarmed.

A report received from Qalat, the center of Zabol Province on the crimes of these bandits indicates that recently several groups of highway robbers made a cowardly raid on a passenger caravan in the Jeldak area of Shahr-e Safa district and martyred some of the passengers including children, women and men. Others were injured. Ten members of this traitorous group were crushed thanks to the efforts of the soldiers of the 43d Mountain Battalion and the cooperation of party members, resistance groups and the noble people of the area. Some arms and equipment were seized from the group. Those wounded in this incident were sent to Qalat hospital. The bodies of the dead were delivered to their relatives and were later buried at Martyrs of the Revolution Hill in Qalat. The money and goods stolen by the bandits were handed over to the relatives.

Similarly, two of the six highway robbers and thieves who attacked and stopped a bus and two cars along the Mazar-e Sharif-Sheberghan road 2 days ago and plundered the goods and money of their passengers and then fled the site of the incident in a car were arrested in the area of Dehmorad village in Charbolak district, thanks to the efforts of the security and military forces of the Charbolak district and the resistance group of Nawabad village with the cooperation of the noble people of that district. The two robbers, named Mohammad Ghaws, son of Zamin Bay, resident of Nawshar village in Chamtal district, and 'Abdol Baqi, son of Kako, a resident of the [word indistinct] village of that district. They are undergoing intensive investigation. Pakistani pistols and many rounds of ammunition were seized from these criminals.

Another report from Qondoz says that four mercenary bandits who persecuted the citizens of Gondoz and Baghlan were eliminated thanks to the efforts of the security forces of the subdistrict of 'Aliabad and the cooperation of the people of that area. Three others were arrested and the arms they carried were seized by the security officials.

According to another report from Qondoz Province, a wild terrorist who attempted to fire on the security officials was eliminated. One pistol, several identity cards and membership cards of terrorist bands were seized from this dangerous criminal.

Clashes With Security Forces

LD261954 Kabul Domestic Service in Pashto 1530 GMT 26 Aug 80

[Text] The counterrevolutionary and antiprogress elements of our beloved homeland, Afghanistan, these sellouts to imperialism who, in accordance with the directives of their masters, want to become obstacles in the way of the realization of the lofty goals of the Sawr revolution and become the cause of disruption of the peaceful life of the people of our country, have fortunately not succeeded in carrying out their foul desires and are being captured by the security authorities and crushed.

According to a report from Bamian Province, last night in the (Doshi) area in the center of that province fighting broke out between a group of these bandits and homeland sellers and the security authorities as a result of which nine of these traitors to the country were killed and a number of them were captured. Also, Truck No 144 of Bamian on the road between Kabul and Bamian was stopped during the night and inspected by the security and party authorities. As a result of this inspection, a great number of various types of bullets which were hidden inside dry mulberry sacks and a number of handgrenades and an amount of arms were seized. From among seven passengers in this truck, one was killed and the other six were captured and handed over to the provincial office for investigation.

The BAKHTAR reporter, reporting from Aybak, the capital of Samangan Province, says that another number of these criminals and destroyers who wanted to disrupt the peaceful life of the toiling people of Kholm district in that province were captured by the security authorities yesterday.

A source of information in Samangan Province said: Some arms and a substantial number of documents were found on these bandits and ruffians. The case is under investigation.

According to another report, five of these thieves were eliminated yesterday in the Baharak subdistrict of Badakhshan Province after armed resistance by the security authorities and party activists of that province. In accordance with the information of the security authorities of Badakhshan Province, another six of these criminals, who were wearing women's clothing and who tried to escape from the guardians of the revolution, were followed by the party activists and security forces and were captured. The source added that some arms and handgrenades made in the United States had been found with these criminals and the enemies of the homeland and the people.

Further investigations concerning these criminals, lunatics and murderers are continuing.

BBC REPORTS MORE SIGNS OF REBEL ACTIVITY

TA261531 London BBC World Service in English at 1500 GMT 26 Aug 80

[From "Radio Newsreel"]

[Text] Reports reaching India speak of more signs of rebel activity in Afghanistan. Amid further indications of unrest in the Afghan army, an important commercial link to the outside world by way of the Khybar Pass has been cut. In one incident the commander of the garrison of the town of (Sorobi) on the pass, was blown up with his daughter and two fellow officers when the Russian jeep they were traveling in struck a land mine.

The incident came amidst reports of deepening unrest within an Afghan army commando unit, stationed at (Sorobi), which is supposed to play a leading role in keeping the Khybar Pass open. There is no explanation for the unrest, but it seems likely that the commandos are feeling increasingly isolated in an area where there is known to be intense rebel activity. Authoritative reports reaching Delhi speak of clashes between the commandos and officers drawn from President Babrak Karmal's party.

It is learned that the road has been closed for the past 3 days from both ends--that is from the outskirts of Kabul and the red bridge on the outskirts of Jalalabad. Hundreds of transport vehicles have been held up. Among them are dozens of trucks piled high with fresh fruit, especially grapes bound for India.

GERMAN TOURIST REPORTEDLY KILLED AT AFGHAN ROADBLOCK

BK261330 Hong Kong AFP in English 1320 GMT 26 Aug 80

[Text] New Delhi, 26 Aug (AFP)--A West German tourist was killed last Wednesday, August 20 in still unclear circumstances just five kilometres (3 miles) from Jalalabad, the last major town in Afghanistan before the Pakistan border.

According to Western diplomatic sources, the tourist was travelling from Kabul in a car with two other people when he was stopped by a road block set up by Afghan resistance fighters.

The sources said there were two versions of what happened next. One was that the tourist was killed by a rebel because he tried to get around the barricade. The other is that he was killed by a burst of gunfire from a Soviet MI-24 helicopter that was machinegunning the road-block.

AFP: MUSLIM REBELS DENY USING POISONOUS GAS

OW232158 Hong Kong AFP in English 2152 GMT 23 Aug 80

[Text] Pershawar, Pakistan, Aug 23 (AFP)--The five-party Afghan resistance movement today denied as "ridiculous" an accusation by Kabul Radio that Moslem insurgents in Afghanistan were using poisonous gas.

In a communique issued here today the Islamic Alliance for the Liberation of Afghanistan said that such accusations by the Soviet-backed Afghan regime were aimed at "hiding the cruelties" meted out by Soviet troops against Afghans opposed to the communist rule in their country.

In a broadcast on Wednesday, the state-run Kabul radio had charged that "counter-revolutionaries"--a name used by official media for the Moslem rebels--had used "American supplied" capsules of poisonous chemical gas in troubled Ghazni, Herat and Kabul provinces, killing a number of civilians.

The alliance communique stressed that Moslem mujahedeen (freedom fighters) were struggling for the liberation of Afghanistan from the occupation of foreign troops. "If there were any more cases of poisoning in Afghanistan, the responsibility would lie with the Russians only", it said.

'GUERRILLA FORCE' REPORTEDLY FORMED TO COUNTER REBELS

OW222305 Paris AFP in English 2241 GMT 22 Aug 80

[Text] Islamabad, Aug. 22 (AFP)--The pro-Moscow regime of Afghanistan has formed its own "guerrilla force" to counter the Moslem insurgents in the country, Radio Kabul reported today. In a broadcast monitored here, the state-run radio said that the decision to form the force was taken at a recent meeting held in Kabul's police command office.

Kabul radio also said that Afghan security forces had arrested two groups of counter-revolutionaries active in Herat and Kunduz provinces.

In Herat, the radio said, 24 people were arrested for anti-government activities and their weapons were seized.

The radio said that another group of 12 saboteurs was arrested in Kunduz Province recently for anti-state activities.

Meanwhile, Afghan rebel sources today said Soviet troops bombed several villages in Kunduz Province after Moslem freedom fighters shot down a Russian helicopter in Tarnab village on Tuesday.

The Soviets, in "merciless raids", destroyed eight villages and killed "many Afghan civilians", the rebel group Islamic Alliance for the Liberation of Afghanistan said.

Fighting was also reported from Khanabad in the same province where rebels killed four Russian soldiers yesterday. Sources said two Moslem guerrillas lost their lives in the clash.

Earlier a mine planted by the rebels in Imam Saheb village blasted a Russian truck carrying 18 Russian soldiers, the sources said.

KABUL ANNOUNCES ROCK BLASTING OPERATIONS 26 AUG

LD251326 Kabul Domestic Service in Pashto 1130 GMT 25 Aug 80

[Text] Here is an announcement from the Ministry of Public Works:

For the purpose of obtaining construction material, and during work on road construction, the first unit of the general directorate of roads and ports construction of the Ministry of Public Works will be blasting rocks at the eastern section of the Khayr Khana Pass at 1600 tomorrow. The Kabul citizens need not be concerned in this respect.

SHIRAZ HOSTAGES TO BE MOVED TO 'UNDISCLOSED LOCATION'

GF261434 Shiraz Domestic Service in Persian 1400 GMT 26 Aug 80

[Text] The following is an announcement by the student followers of the imam's policy in Shiraz:

In the name of God the merciful. "Let them bring all their ships and planes. The situation here is different now; we rely on God"--Imam Khomeyni. Greetings to the Muslim people of Shiraz. Greetings to you followers of the imam's policies. You have punched the murderer and the great Satan United States in the mouth through your beliefs, unity and reliance upon God.

Muslim brothers and sisters, in the situation now when the great Satan in plotting daily against our Islamic Revolution and is trying to stop the secrets of its inhuman actions and murders from coming out before the oppressed of the world by having the spy hostages killed, [as heard] we have decided to move the spies in Shiraz to an undisclosed location. Therefore, we thank all the people of Shiraz, especially the clergymen, Revolution Guards and brother members of the National Mobilization Organization, who helped us in keeping the spies. We pray to God for everyone's success. Greetings to all and may God favor you with gifts [Koranic verse].

[Signed] Student followers of the imam in Shiraz, 25 August 1980

PRESS HEADLINES DISCLOSE U.S., UK ESPIONAGE NETWORKS

JOMHURI-YE ESLAMI Headlines

JN260844 [Editorial Report] Tehran International Service in Arabic at 0608 GMT on 26 August carries the following JOMHURI-YE ESLAMI headlines, among others, in its press review program without further elaboration: "Astonishing and Important Secrets About British and U.S. Espionage Networks," "10 Persons Involved in the Abortive Coup Plot Executed in Esfahan," and "50 Lashes for Justice Minister in Hoveyda Government."

ETTELA'AT Headline

JN250934 [Editorial Report] Tehran International Service in Arabic at 1800 GMT on 24 August carries the following ETTELA'AT press headline, among others, in its press review without further elaboration; "An Espionage Network Has Been Uncovered in Esfahan Engineered by Jewish Rabbis [al-asaqifah] Throughout the Country."

SECRET DOCUMENT IMPLICATES UK ENVOY IN SUBVERSION

LD261955 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1643 GMT 26 Aug 80

[Text] According to the PARS NEWS AGENCY, Dr Behzadnia, deputy minister of national guidance, has unveiled a document which was recently obtained in one of the Iranian Episcopal departments.

The date of this document, which is absolutely confidential, is 15 April 1980, and it was written by the British priest, [name indistinct], who (?has played several) espionage roles in Iran, to [name indistinct], a Pentagon officer, and announced the receipt of $500 million sent by the CIA. In the letter he expressed his delight at being able to distribute this amount of money among the army officers, air force officers, Baha'i sect leaders and counter-revolutionaries and at making a practical contribution toward the coup d'etat, including the bombardment of the imam's house and (?strategic) places in Qom and Tehran.

In this document, Mr (Hance) refers to his meeting with the British ambassador, John Graham, 6 officers of the Iranian Air Force, another group of army personnel and the (?sinister) plotters; these individuals had received 300 kg of TNT and explosive fuses from John Graham himself. At this meeting they also talked about difficulties facing them as regards the work ahead. But John Graham reassured them on this matter.

(?The document) also introduces some international espionage elements connected with the shah, the intelligence services and Mossad and their internal servants in Iran for the purpose of cooperating with the (?pope). A group of these individuals have been arrested and another group has escaped from Iran.

The investigation is continuing, and the British ambassador himself is at present in Iran.

In another part of this document, a reference is made to the interference of the PLO leaders. The British ambassador Graham says: The PLO leaders are nothing but a handful of murderers and criminals and we shall soon kill all of them.

At the end of this document, (Hance) says that he will send the document to the Pentagon officer through a CIA officer. He also invites [the Pentagon officer] to visit Iran personally so as to be able to [words indistinct] place at their disposal.

In another part of this document it is written that the Baha'i leaders hold regular weekly meetings and receive (?new orders) from the Mossad espionage network.

Further Details

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[Text] The national guidance assistant minister in the Islamic Republic of Iran announced that an espionage network has been uncovered in the city of Esfahan. One of the documents that have been seized indicate that one of the church's members called (Burnham) sent a message in November 1979 to an officer at the U.S. Pentagon called (McConnell) notifying him of the receipt of $500 million from the Pentagon.

The national guidance assistant minister added that bishop [name indistinct] told (McConnell) that there was a network operating against the Islamic Republic of Iran. He also notified him of the formation of squads for the purpose of (?internal) war. He further said that he received some 300 kg of TNT from British Ambassador in Tehran John Graham and that the explosives were distributed among six army officers.

DEVELOPMENTS CONCERNING RELATIONS WITH IRAQ

Interior Ministry Statement

LD262308 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1947 GMT 26 Aug 80

[Text] According to a PARS NEWS AGENCY dispatch, following repeated acts of aggression by Saddam Husayn's mercenary forces on the country's western border strip, the following statement has been issued by the Interior Ministry:

As the dear compatriots may well know, mercenary elements of bloodthirsty Saddam Husayn--this obedient servant of the United States--have not yet renounced their antihuman and bestial conduct. Saddam Husayn--this autocratic and legitimized dictator [as heard]--without learning a lesson from the malevolent and black past of his erstwhile, deposed, executed collaborator, the traitorous Mohammad Reza, is resorting to crimes and treachery similar to that of his friend, and is daily rendering homeless and dispatching toward the borders large crowds of innocent Muslims.

Little does he know that the ramshackle and shaky bases of the oppressive regime which relies on gunpowder and the bayonets of the Iraqi Ba'th will soon be destroyed thanks to the wakefulness and positive efforts of the dedicated and revolutionary Iraqi Muslims, and that the roots of oppression and cruelty will soon dry up and will consign nefarious Saddam to the trash heap of history.

The hated regime ruling the Iraqi nation has not only rendered homeless some 40,000 of our Muslim brothers and sisters through the agency of its venal agents, but it has recently driven at least 20 Afghan Muslims--in a cowardly manner--toward the borders of the Islamic state of the Islamic Republic of Iran and has made itself ready to drive away further groups of these sisters and brothers.

Since such actions and attitudes--antihuman attitudes of the Ba'thist government--and the choice of the most asinine methods of discrimination and racist system of subjugation, which have caused the scattering and homelessness of innocent Muslims, are contrary to the current rules and laws connected with citizenship and the residence of human beings and are a patent contravention of all international standards and practices, we hereby strongly condemn the actions of this fascist regime and request all international authorities and dedicated people and Muslims in all countries in the world to no longer remain silent vis-a-vis the odious and savage behavior of the Iraqi Ba'th regime and to take steps as soon as possible to prevent the trampling under foot of these Muslim brothers and sisters.

Governor on Measures Against Iraq

LD261724 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1137 GMT 26 Aug 80

[Interview with Behruz Maku'i, governor general of Kermanshah--date, place not given--recorded]

[Excerpts] [Question] Dear listeners of the Voice of the Islamic Republic of Iran. As you know, the western part of our country, a large part of which is the Province of Kermanshah, is the scene of daily clashes. These clashes have led to (?problems) which have forced us to come to Kermanshah. Before we went to Paveh and Qasr-e Shirin and prepared reports, we came to Brother Maku'i, the governor general of Kermanshah, and we talked with him about the problems in the west. First, we would like to ask Brother Maku'i to tell us in which parts of Kermanshah do the clashes occur?

[Answer] In the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful. The areas of the province in which we are subjected to attacks by the Iraqi regime are Naft Shahr and Qasr-e Shirin; I should add that we should divide these clashes into two categories: first, those clashes that openly and directly involve the Iraqi Government; second, those clashes that occur inside the provinces and indirectly involve the Iraqi Government. The border attacks mainly occur in Naft Shahr, Qasr-e Shirin and also in the (?Shumar) region. Naft Shahr has been totally evacuated by its inhabitants; I have seen this for myself.

The real problem is that the amount of media coverage about this issue is unfortunately very, very limited. Naft Shahr is completely devoid of people because of Iraqi attacks, but neither our press nor our radio and television have noted this. I reported this to some of the papers and to PARS NEWS AGENCY, who had contacted me and I stressed the importance of the issue to them. But I later saw that the daily ETTELA'AT had printed five lines on the subject. If this had occurred in another country, they would start a propaganda war and would condemn us around the world. I am not asking the media to exaggerate the issue; they should simply report what is happening.

Neither the Foreign Office, nor the government, nor the media performed their duty vis-a-vis Kermanshah Province. Regarding Qasr-e Shirin, about 2 months ago due to the attacks [words indistinct], a large number of people left Qasr-e Shirin; the coverage of this incident was also very, very small.

The problem about the clashes with Iraq should be solved militarily; the radio and television should make a special effort in their Arabic programs to inform the people of Iraq what is happening on the Iranian border. They should make the people of Iraq aware of the crimes committed by their government; they should be asked to protest to their regime. If the Iraqi people do nothing and accept what their government is doing, they should then accept the repercussions and [word indistinct]. If one day the Iranian Government were to reply to these attacks, during the course of which ordinary Iraqi people were wounded, they should be forewarned.

I am very hopeful, and believe that if we were to embark on this propaganda effort, we could give the Iraqi people effective assistance in the course of the growth of their revolution. At present, the Iraqi radios are carrying a great deal of propaganda in Persian; our corresponding propaganda is very little.

[Question] Brother Maku'i, we learned during our visit to the Qasr-e Shirin border that while our brother guards are facing machinegun and artillery fire from Iraq day and night, the people of Qasr-e Shirin are also suffering casualties. A few days ago, two or three people were martyred in Qasr-e Shirin by Iraqi artillery fire. In view of the fact that Qasr-e Shirin is comparatively larger and more populous than Naft Shahr, what proposals have you made and what [words indistinct] to prevent mass migration of the people of Qasr-e Shirin?

[Answer] First, there was a point I forgot to mention about (?housing). I would like to add here that because of the problem, all the shops are closing down without exception. It has become difficult to provide food for the forces stationed here. It is difficult to obtain (?salt), meat, ice and other similar foodstuffs. We have tried to overcome [words indistinct].

But I do not approve of the evacuation of Qasr-e Shirin. The people, with their morale changed after the revolution they made, must admit that our enemy is still not destroyed. Our enemy was not only the shah. For one to think that with his destruction everything is well is not right. In a revolutionary society we must wholeheartedly accept the consequences.

From the point of view of the military, the evacuation of Qasr-e Shirin will be a sign of our weakness. But if the clashes intensify, we will have no choice but to evacuate the city. I had asked the president to prepare a program and deliver an ultimatum to the Government of Iraq that if they attack our cities, we would react sharply. We could show in practical terms that the president means what he says. But unfortunately the Ministry of Foreign Affairs is very, very weak in such matters and its reaction, as far as I know, has been nothing except a letter of protest sent to Mr Kurt Waldheim by Mr Qotbzadeh. And you agree with me that just for the sake of sending a letter of protest we do not require a Ministry of Foreign Affairs with its vast and expansive system. I could as well send such a letter of protest very easily from here. Mostly we expect the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to impose its power to win (?through world propaganda systems) and attract world public opinion.

When we deliver the ultimatum, if the central government agrees, we must stand and show some resistance by, for example, attracting the support of world public opinion. If we go through with our propaganda, and if the Iraqi Government decides to attack our cities after the ultimatum, and if we react and inflict some damages on them, I assure you that they will report 100 dead for every 1 person killed and 100 houses for 1 house destroyed; and they will try to describe us as aggressors. They will follow thw wolf's example without (?thinking). Our elementary propaganda will at least foil some of their propaganda in advance. (?We can say) following all the attacks and crimes committed in our country by Iraq that we protested, we issued ultimatums and made threats; but because they were not effective we were forced to reply more severely. This is the program which I believe the government must implement; to engage in propaganda inside the country, abroad and among the people of Iraq. Then in a military context, we should give them a warning and we should react to have them respect our warning.

[Question] Brother Maku'i, you as the governor general of the Province of Kermanshah are certainly aware that the Ba'thist mercenaries of Iraq have paved their roads near the Iranian borders after the revolution as part of a plan, and have reinforced their border posts with heavily armed military forces, the results of which we can see today. This all shows that Iraq intends to wage a war of attrition against us.

[Answer] Unfortunately during the shah's time our border posts were built of stones and bricks; these materials have very low resistance. After the revolution, because of the many difficulties facing the government, there has been no time to change these buildings. Since the Iraqi Government started its attacks and it became clear that our border posts were prone to damage and because of (?dangerous situation) in the region, no contractor is willing to come to the region to modernize and strengthen these posts. We personally asked the reconstruction crusade corps to rebuild these posts using their own engineers and concrete to build strong [words indistinct] fit for a border post. All these projects require a budget which the government must give them. The government must also provide some facilities for us. If contractors are not ready to come here, the government should at least deliver to us some machinery.

Border Clashes

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[Text] A PARS NEWS AGENCY correspondent at 0710 this morning reported from the Qasr-e Shirin border:

Following the attacks of Iraq's Ba'ath regime, which have been going on for a few days in the border areas of [two names indistinct] and Qasr-e Shirin, today the bases of the aggressive forces of Iraq's Ba'ath regime in [word indistinct] and the region of Majid Aga'i were subjected to intense fire from artillery of the army of the Islamic Republic of Iran and were completely destroyed.

The PARS correspondent, who was present at the scene of operations, has reported: The forces of the army of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Islamic Revolution Guards spotted their targets and using forceful tactics and quick maneuvers destro ed their targets thoroughly. No casualties were inflicted upon any forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran in these operations.

GASTON THORN'S CURRENT TOUR OF MIDEAST CRITICIZED

JN231931 Tehran International Service in Arabic 1803 GMT 23 Aug 80

[Station commentary: "Thorn's Tour of the Middle East Region"]

[Excerpts] In the name of Almighty God. The rulers who supported the European initiative to solve the Middle East issue are today receiving Thorn, president of the EC Council of Ministers and Luxembourg vice president and foreign affairs minister.

There is an obvious contradiction, raising scores of questions, between those rulers' statements on Palestine and their deeds, which conflict with their words. An example of those rulers is Saddam, who received Thorn yesterday and discussed with him the role the EC can play in solving the Middle East question. After the meeting, Thorn stated that his meeting with Saddam was positive and that Saddam expressed his support for a peaceful solution, commended the European states' interest in the Middle East issue and hoped that these states will find a just solution for the issue.

Saddam's vile stand toward the Palestinian issue has been exposed and needs no further explanation, but what is still undisclosed to all the Islamic Arab peoples is the shamelessness of this rotten regime, which shakes with one hand and stabs with the other. It speaks very well about Palestine and Jerusalem, but at the same time plots against the issue and offers aid to the European states so that these states will increase their plots and schemes in support of Israeli brute force. This is enough to show the Ba'thist regime's connection with the U.S. and Israeli interests. This connection does not need to be based on the presence of ambassadors or the like between the two, but on the link of the clan-like regime in Iraq with the schemes of the Western camp which belongs to the American-Israeli circle. This is good evidence of the close ties between agent Sadda and the Israeli enemy.

Here we feel it is our duty to call on all sincere patriotic quarters and all papers defending the Palestinian issue and opposing the capitulatory solutions to declare their denunciation and condemnation of the suspect tour Thorn is making in the region and to also declare their rejection of any coming European initiative because it will be no more than a repeated picture of the Camp David plot.

AHVAZ RADIO ACCUSES SAUDI LEADERS OF HYPOCRISY

GF251915 Ahvaz Domestic Service in Arabic 1530 GMT 25 Aug 80

[From "The Muslim Countries" program]

[Text] We begin by reporting a news item from a country that claims to be Muslim by defending Islam day and night through its media. This country embodies hypocrisy in its most blatant form and obstructs the development and revival of Islam. It has lost its feelings and knows only deviation. Tyranny and despotism have muzzled its striving people who claim Islam, the Islam of Mohammad, peace be upon him. Thus, these people have become oppressed. This country is the dear Al-Hijaz, which is falsely called Saudi Arabia. Its people are the striving people of the Arabian Peninsula.

The deviate Al Sa'uds' pretense at adhering to Islam has hurt the heart of Islam and injured the great divine creed. True Muslims have been afflicted with the actions of the house of Sa'ud and its servitude to the criminal United States, the enemy of Islam that is occupying the holy land of Islam. Islam has suffered a great deal as a result of these hypocrites who are responsible for terrorism, injustice and torture and who have encouraged evil. Their conduct, palaces, courts and entourages are good examples of this. Our report on Saudi Arabia is that when the women of the Saudi royal court leave Saudi airports they are wearing veils that cover even their eyes. However, when they arrive in London they unveil themselves in order to emulate their British sisters. The nannies in the Saudi palaces are also British.

So, dear listeners, you now have a clear picture of these despots who do not hesitate to indulge in evil and comm[illegible] crimes against their Muslim people. The great poet of Al-Mu'arrah was right when he said: He forbids you to drink wine in the morning and drinks it himself at night.

TEHRAN REPORTS AFGHAN MOJAHEDIN DENY USE OF POISON GAS

GF241810 Tehran International Service in Arabic 1500 GMT 24 Aug 80

[Text] In a statement released in Peshawar today, the Islamic Alliance for the Liberation of Afghanistan strongly denied a Kabul radio report that the Afghan mojahedin are using poison gas. The statement says: The Kabul radio report on this matter is ridiculous. It is an attempt to justify the violence being committed by the Afghan Army. The statement adds: It is the Soviets alone who are responsible for the use of chemical weapons.

Citing Afghan Muslim mojahedin in Zahedan, PARS NEWS AGENCY reports that 15 Soviet tanks were destroyed in clashes that broke out between the mojahedin and Russian soldiers in the Qandahar area 10 days ago. The mojahedin also burned 15 trucks loaded with foodstuffs and Soviet arms 2 km from Qandahar. The spokesman said the mojahedin also captured a truck loaded with equipment and ammunition. The mojahedin killed 15 Russian soldiers and 30 pro-Soviet soldiers.

RAJA'I SENDS REPLY CABLES TO TUNISIA, YAR, PDRY

GF251730 Tehran International Service in Arabic 1500 GMT 25 Aug 80

[Text] Prime Minister Mohammad 'Ali Raja'i is still receiving congratulatory messages from various government leaders on his assumption of the new post of prime minister. Raja'i has sent the following reply messages:

His Excellency Mohammad Mzali, prime minister of Tunisia. Thank you for your congratulatory message on my election as prime minister of the Islamic Republic of Iran. I hope the Islamic Revolution's influence will result in mankind looking toward God.

[Signed] Mohammad 'Ali Raja'i

The prime minister has also sent the following message to the YAR prime minister: His Excellency 'Abd al-'Aziz 'Abd al-Ghani, YAR prime minister. Thank you for your congratulatory message on my election as prime minister of the Islamic Republic of Iran. [message not signed]

Prime Minister Raja'i has also sent the following reply message: His Excellency 'Ali Nasir Muhammad, secretary general of the Yemeni Socialist Party and chairman of the PDRY Council of Ministers, Aden. Thank you for your congratulations on the auspicious occasion of 'Id al-Fitr and my election as prime minister. I hope the indefatigable efforts of the revolutionary Muslim Iranian people will result in the achievement of the lofty Islamic goals without attachment to East or West and that this will influence relations among peoples and bring people closer to God. I hope Almighty God will grant success to Islam and Muslims.

[Signed] Muhammad 'Ali Raja'i

IRAN AIR TO RESUME FLIGHTS TO UAE, BAHRAIN, QATAR 1 SEP

GF251645 Tehran International Service in Arabic 1500 GMT 25 Aug 80

[Text] Iran Air has announced that it will resume its direct flights from Shiraz Airport to Dubayy, Bahrain, Doha and Abu Dhabi beginning next Monday.

COVERAGE OF ACTIVITIES OF AYATOLLAH KHOMEYNI

26 Aug Speech

LD261400 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0930 GMT 26 Aug 80

[Speech by Ayatollah Khomeyni to a group of members of the National Mobilization Corps, the "army of 20 million," at Hoseyniyeh Jamaran near his residence in north Tehran, on 26 August--recorded, duration 12 minutes]

[Text] In the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful. [Words indistinct] I thank all those gentlemen who have come here from various parts of the country. I pray to the all-blessed, Almighty God for their health and [word indistinct]. I personally have a particular (?problem), namely, that if I speak everyday the doctors have warned and advised me not to speak too much. If I do not speak for a couple of days foreign radios say that this or that has happened, and [words indistinct].

This reminds me of a story: It is said that there was a child who prayed that his teacher would die. The teacher died. The child's father sent his son to another school. Again the child prayed that his teacher would die, and die he did. Again the father took the son to yet another school. The child was told that he should pray for his father to die, for there would always be another teacher around to go to. So the foreigners, those who are supported by foreigners, should pray for the weapon of "God is great" to be taken away from our nation [words indistinct], for if I were not around there would be the nation itself. Our nation's movement and march forward today is not halted, whether I am there or the country's situation is thrown into chaos. Our nation today has found its way and knows what to do, and it will move forward along the way it has found and with what has been brought about. It is not a situation in which one should wonder what would happen if I were not there. It is useless to say those things over their radios, for these problems would not have an impact upon our nation. Andthe nation has found its way itself, and will continue to pursue this path and will achieve the final victory, God willing.

All our governmental (?institutions) have been established and will soon achieve [word indistinct]. The Almighty God willing, our nation will not be beset by things such as what sort of economy there should be and so forth. The nation is pursuing Islam, and as your slogan indicated just now--and it is a good slogan, too--our weapon is the slogan "God is great" and the all-blessed, Almighty God is his support, then he is not dependent upon whether one person is or is not there. The existence or nonexistence of one person would have no effect upon the Islamic movement of our nation.

I believe that the all-blessed, Almighty God would support their strength and their foundation, and I tell you that you should not be afraid of anybody except God, or pin your hope on anybody except the all-blessed Almighty God. If you (?focus) your hope on the all-blessed, Almighty God in such a way that your hope becomes [words indistinct], that your hope brings you confidence, then I assure you that this country will see no harm [shouts of "God is great"]. You should focus on this concept, everyone in our nation, in the government and outside it, military and nonmilitary, should pin their hopes on the all-blessed, Almighty God who is the source of power, who is the source of light. So they should pin their hopes on Him and not be afriad of any [word indistinct]. When there is God's support one should not be afraid of plots which are said to exist here and there.

Of course, our security forces, our army, our gendarmerie, our guards corps, these, as well as our national mobilization and our Islamic mobilization should be vigilant at all times, control suspicious comings and goings, and if they observe anything they should report it to the relevant centers. At the same time that all vigilance should be observed and all suspicious comings and goings be controlled their hearts should feel assured that so long as their hearts are directed toward God there will be no harm. [shouts of "God is great," "Khomeyni is the leader"]

A number of times before I have advised the armed forces that there should be discipline in any organization there is; it is their duty to observe discipline. If there is no order and discipline there will be chaos and this means nothing can be accomplished. The pasdaran [Islamic Revolution Guards corpsmen] should be disciplined. The subordinates should obey their superiors. The army must be disciplined. It should observe the chain of command. They should all have coordination, be brothers. Each group should not [words indistinct] toward itself. They should all have links with one another. Their leaders should have links with one another. They should sit together and resolve whatever problems they might have. There should not be a situation in which there is one form of disorder or another in every one of them, or there is disharmony. They should all be together because the country is yours today.

The country which now belongs to all of you should be safeguarded by all of you. The armed forces, in pa 'cular, should safeguard this country. And if there is some sort of disorder in one pa c of the country they should go and put things right. (?They should not wait for the disorder to disappear of its own accord or for the people to put things right.) The armed forces should take care that if there is something improper taking place somewhere in the country, as it were, and [words indistinct] they should go and destroy them and solve the issues.

I hope by the all-blessed, Almighty God that everyone in the nation, which suffered pressure and repression for long years, will henceforth be safe and secure, God willing, and that our country will achieve complete independence. I further hope that those who did injustice tc ad oppressed this nation in the past will leave this nation alone. I pray that God may grant you all strength and power. And peace be upon you, and God's blessings.

Speech to Sanandaj Clergy

LD270920 Tehran PARS in English 0750 GMT 27 Aug 80

[Text] Tehran, 27 Aug (PARS)--The Sanandaj clergy met with the leader of revolution and founder of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Imam Khomeyni, in the Jamaran Mosque at one p.m. yesterday. (?At) the beginning of the meeting the leader of Friday prayers (?of Sanandaj) delivered a short speech supporting (?the Islamic) Republic of Iran and (?also announcing) the readiness of Kordestan people (?including) clergy of the region in furthering the high goals of Islam and the Islamic Republic led by Imam Khomeyni. Later the imam delivered a speech as follows:

"In the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful:

"You are aware that the physicians have ordered me not to speak (?much) today when I talk to different groups. I can't accept my physician's advice (?when) my brothers have come all the way from Kordestan from a region where everyone was in trouble, particularly the clergymen.

You know that thus Kordestan was oppressed as you felt, it happened in other places, (?Sistan va Baluchestan), Kerman, Fars and Khorasan.

The satanic former monarch was based on oppression and on the plundering of the nation and pouring the resources of the country into foreigners' pockets. Thanks be to God for the ambition of the nation including our Kurdish brothers, by whose efforts the hands of this oppressor were cut off. Today if you see an oppressor in some parts of the country, they stem from the same root, especially in Kordestan. I know there are some people who claim to be Islamic, [word indistinct] they are plotting against Islam and against oppressed people of Kordestan and other places. How do you call yourselves Moslems? Plotting against Islam and the Moslem nation is not the same Islam which was brought by the prophet to whom the holy Qoran was revealed from heaven. The Qoran and the tradition of the prophet are the bases of Islam.

"Brotherhood" is a command of the holy Qoran which means that you should demand the same benefits for your brothers that you wish for yourself.

Every Muslim is another Muslim's brother. If a brother falls in danger in one corner of the world, other brothers do not sit and watch indifferently. If they can, they must rise up. If they can't they should pave the way for eliminating the oppressor. If somebody claims to be "Islamic" or nationalist how can he let himself sit tight and gather some other deviated people around himself who do not believe in Islam to conspire in order to bring the foreigners back to Iran that these ones might dominate the Muslim again be [word indistinct] or non-Kurdish. These people should understand that though they could gather all their forces together they could offer no resistance before a nation which shouts "God is most great". Their efforts to divide the Muslims are brothers and do not become divided by the propaganda of some rotten elements.

The origin of the problem of any division between "Shia and Sunni" stems only from ignorance and foreign propaganda. Even among the Shia we see some different groups challenging each other and among the Sunnis there are groups who are contradicting each other.

Today all Muslims are faced with satanic powers who intend to destroy the foundation of Islam, as they have found that Islam and the unity of Muslim nations pose a threat to them. Today calls for the solidarity of all the Moslems throughout the world according to the teachings of Islam and the instructions of the holy Qoran. Any form of hostility among Muslims is forbidden on the orders the Qoran. Hostility and feuding will destroy human values.

Those who are trying to sow discord and (?create) feuds, while they claim to adhere to Islam, have failed to find the real Islam whose scripture is the Qoran. The true believers are those who accept the Qoran and its contents, which stresses that all believers are brothers. Brotherhood means that if you are hurt, all brothers everywhere are obliged to sympathise with you and, vice versa, if you are happy, others should become joyous.

You brothers should pay attention that with their (the enemies) vicious propaganda they are trying to bring about discord among brothers and such discord would result in the domination of foreigners over everybody and a return to the former situation in which everybody whether in the capital city or elsewhere was being oppressed.

The clergy in Kordestan should be alert and in the mosques and during Friday mass prayers they should warn the people not to be misled by agents of foreigners. You [words indistinct] that most of the present problems of the government have been created by those who in Kordestan and Baluchestan prevented the government from taking care of the whole country. You can be sure that under our Islamic government and with the Islamic Majlis there will [words indistinct] differentiation among various groups and the government will not prefer one place over another. The more needy (?places) will receive more immediate attention.

I agree with what you gentlemen said that things have not been done as they should. But actions for solving problems in a region requires security in that place. Thank God (?Kordistan) is calm today. The government intends to bring about security all over the country, especially in the frontier areas where vicious elements are (?active). After the establishment of [word indistinct], God willing we hope to materialise all what you asked for, and that is what we expect from an Islamic government. The clergy everywhere should stress to the people that the key to our victory was our unity of purpose and reliance on Islam and this is going to remain our main weapon.

Meeting With Canonists

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[Text] A number of canonists from the Guardian's Council met Imam Khomeyni, the leader of the revolution and founder of the Islamic Republic of Iran, this afternoon. They were Their Eminences 'Abd ar-Rahim Rabbani-Shirazi, Ahmad Jannati, Lotfollah Osafi and (?Yusef) Sane'i.

They had discussions with the imam about the country's current problems and the statutes of the Guardian's Council in accordance with the Constitution.

According to our correspondent's report, Hojjat ol-Eslam val-Moslemin Hajj Sheykh Mohyeddin Mahallati also met Imam Khomeyni this afternoon.

RADIO IRAN REPORTS ASSASSINATION ATTEMPTS ON KHOMEYNI

NC261523 (Clandestine) Radio Iran in Persian to Iran 1330 GMT 26 Aug 80

[Text] During the past month unidentified groups tried to blow up Khomeyni's residence on two occasions, but failed. This was revealed to a Radio Iran correspondent by a passenger who recently arrived from Tehran in America. He said that he had heard this news from an extremely reliable source close to Khomeyni's associates. The passenger noted that Khomeyni's silence during the past few days and his refusal to accept visitors are due more to security measures than to illness and fatigue. According to this passenger, security experts have warned Khomeyni that in view of the daily growing discontent, an attempt on his life might be made by a visitor.

We recall that Khomeyni's residence in Jamaran is guarded by two extremely modern Soviet-made antiair [word indistinct] and a number of American missile launchers.

The same passenger, quoting an officer of the passports office, said that during the past month more than 40,000 passports were issued to mullahs and their dependents.

COVERAGE OF ACTIVITIES OF PRESIDENT BANI-SADR

Meeting With Raja'i, Khomeyni's Son

LD261708 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1636 GMT 26 Aug 80

[Text] This afternoon, Hojjat ol-Eslam Hajj Seyyed Ahmad Khomeyni, accompanied by Mr Mohammad 'Ali Raja'i, the prime minister, met and conferred with President Dr Seyyed Abolhasan Bani-Sadr.

According to the special correspondent of the office of the president, during this meeting which lasted for hours [as heard], they discussed and exchanged views on current problems of the country and the formation of the future Cabinet.

Remarks on Raja'i Meeting

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[Text] Tehran, 26 Aub (PARS NEWS AGENCY)--At the end of his meeting with Prime Minister Mohammad 'Ali Raja'i on [word indistinct] President Abolhasan Bani-Sadr, answering the questions of PARS and (ENQELABE-E ESIAMI) newspaper outlined the results of his meeting with the premier and discussed current affairs of the country. President Bani-Sadr said, "When I returned to Tehran from my inspection tour on Saturday evening Mr Raja'i sent me a list of proposed Cabinet ministers. I gave my comments on the composition of the list and he has taken it to the Majles." In answer to a question regarding whether he confirmed the list or not he said, I will hold my peace now which means that I consider doing so in the public interest. I could not agree with the choice for the minister of the interior for in my opinion the minister of the interior should be a person who is not affiliated with certain groups or party."

In reply to a question in connection with the requirement of the Constitution that the prime minister should introduce the Cabinet within ten days of his appointment he said, "It is not only the Majles who should approve the ministers, the president should also approve them and you cannot ask the Majles and the president to cast a vote of approval within 24 hours. Of course, this is when we implement the Constitution." Then President Bani-Sadr referring to the creation of working spirit among the people said that the government should provide equipment and that the people were already ready to work.

When he was questioned why in your trips do the people ask you to meet their demands he replied, "The people have expectations of their president and according to the Constitution the president is the head of the executive power and the coordinator of the powers. As a result the people assume the government is the government of the president and that all means are at the disposal of the president. The people should be informed of the truth and should know that what abilities are at the disposal of the president and what are not. As I have said before there are two viewpoints on this matter, namely either a responsible president should be elected by the people or we will have only a purely cermonial president whose program is determined by the Majles. But when the people elect a person as president and then no responsibility is granted to him or he is semi-responsible the situation will be suitable for confrontation as it is right now. [as received] Suppose the Majles is not in the line of thought of the president so that whenever I appoint a premier the Majles rejects him, then whenever the Majles proposed one then I reject him and after a two year period of time we still have no government, what would you think? Ultimately the people would not stand it. The Constitution should be observed by both sides."

In reply to a question that it was said that so far the president's office has received 12,000 letters and only 4 percent have received any answer, he said my duty is to meet public demands, not matters related to individuals. There are complaints about new and old institutions. The problems are because of a lack of organization in the executive affairs of the country, and if every institution carries out its responsibility properly they will be useful for the people and there will not be any disputes. Various groups instead of thinking of dominating others should obey the [word indistinct] and law means Islam which should prevail.

Appeal to Ministers

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[Text] Dr Seyyed Abolhasan Bani-Sadr has asked all ministers--including those who have resigned and those who have not--to continue their previous responsibilities until the new government starts work. The president also asked all government employees not to neglect their official duties, as before, until the new government starts work.

Dr Seyyed Abolhasan Bani-Sadr appointed Mr Abolfazl [second name indistinct] as the supervisor of the executive affairs of the scientific research organization [few words indistinct].

AFP QUOTES QOTBZADEH ON FUTURE OF IRANIAN GOVERNMENT

NC261534 Paris AFP in English 1523 GMT 26 Aug 80

[Text] Tehran, Aug 26 (AFP)--The next Iranian government stands no chance of success and will stay in power only through repression, Foreign Minister Sadeq Qotbzadeh said in an interview published today. That repression will "deal a mortal blow to the regime", he told the newspaper ISLAMIC REVOLUTION.

"One can control the people for a certain time with demonstrations and slogans, one can prolong this period by resorting to weapons and massacres, but I know the people will resist," he said.

The minister, who has said he will turn down any Cabinet post offered by Iran's new prime minister, Mohammad 'Ali Raja'i, stated that if the people were not already in revolt, it was because they had confidence in Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeyni. "But he will leave us one day, and the people will wipe out the repressors," he warned.

Mr Qotbzadeh said the main danger was that Iranians would remain indifferent to the regime. He blamed this state of affairs on "those who want to monopolise power," commenting: "Each time that we wanted to take initiatives in our foreign policy, we received mortal blows from within which paralyzed us."

The minister complained that all the "brains" of his country were "fleeing". He said: "Since the revolution, 17,000 doctors and engineers have fled to Canada." "In the old regime," he added, "certain people stole in the name of the government, SAVAK, or the army. Today the names have changed but the principle of theft remains the same."

Mr Qotbzadeh declared that the economy was "not working". "All that we do is sell oil and distribute some of the revenue to the people," he said. On television on Sunday, the minister rapped "those who have power and demand silence and obedience". He vowed then: "I will continue to speak, and to speak the truth, unless I am jailed or killed."

MAJLES DEPUTIES DELIVER SPEECHES DURING 26 AUG SESSION

GF261608 Tehran International Service in Arabic 1500 GMT 26 Aug 80

[Text] The Islamic Consultative Council held an open session today under its speaker, Hojjat ol-Eslam Hashemi Rafsanjani. The session began with a recitation from the Koran. A number of deputies spoke. Referring to rumors that are being spread against the Islamic Revolution, one deputy said:

Our revolution has rapidly succeeded in achieving magnificent successes and victories, such as justly distributing the nation's wealth, reducing taxes, abrogating the judicial immunity law for Americans, eradicating narcotics, eliminating centers of corruption and putting an end to the great powers' control over our national resources.

Referring to a number of domestic issues, another deputy urged the media to inform the people about the issues the country is facing and the plots the U.S. is hatching in Khuzestan and Kordestan. He added; Iraq, the United States and the Soviet Union are engineering plots and intrigues in the border areas. He called for the confrontation of such plots.

AYATOLLAH SHIRAZI COMMENTS ON ECONOMIC SITUATION

GF231730 Shiraz Domestic Service in Persian 1400 GMT 23 Aug 80

[Excerpts] Ayatollah Rabbani Shirazi, member of the council of the guardians of the Constitution, held a press interview in Shiraz this morning. During his interview, he referred to the nation's economic situation and asked the responsible authorities to tell the truth and avoid praising their efforts. He added: We are facing a difficult economic situation, and inefficiency and the creation of difficulties by some individuals is adding to the problem. This is not the right time for sensitivity. We should be watching the enemies around us that are awaiting for the first opportunity to hurt us. We should not add to the complaints, since this will harm our revolution. The government should be truthful and seek the people's help.

ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF COMMENTS ON MILITARY REORGANIZATION

LD241054 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0930 GMT 24 Aug 80

[Text] Brigadier General Fallahi, acting joint chief of staff of the Islamic Republic of Iran, has explained the army's problems in various fields in an interview given to a PARS NEWS AGENCY correspondent. Commenting on its reorganization, he said: We believe that this reorganization should take place from within, with only the committees and revolutionary personnel who serve in the army. As for the necessary ideological knowledge and perception, such knowledge should be molded into them and, subsequently, we should prepare them physically.

In the process of reorganization, the potential and [word indistinct] necessary for the Islamic Republic should be taken into account [passage indistinct].

Then steps should be taken to specify the army's expansion and organization. At any rate, the reorganization should be based on a policy divorced from dependence on East, West and the nonaligned. To achieve this independence, at least two factors should be taken into consideration: First, achieving self-sufficiency within a short period and, second, (?keeping in touch) with technological advances in the field of weaponry. [passage indistinct]

MILITARY COURT CHIEF WARNS AGAINST WITHOLDING INFORMATION

LD241040 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0930 GMT 24 Aug 80

[Text] According to the Central News Bureau, the head of the Revolution Court of the army of the Islamic Republic of Iran, in a statement addressed to those who have information concerning the recent coup attempt, announced that if these people do not submit their information before 1 September to the army prosecutor's office or avoid cooperation in naming or arresting the suspects, if it is revealed following the arrest of the suspects that they had withheld the information, they too will be prosecuted.

1-YEAR SUSPENSION OF WORK OF EDUCATIONAL CENTERS ANNOUNCED

LD241324 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0930 GMT 24 Aug 80

[Text] According to a PARS report, the Education Ministry has announced that the educational activities of technological institutes and technical and professional teachers' training centers affiliated with the Education Ministry will be suspended from the next academic year for 1 year. The decision was made on the basis of directives issued by the headquarters of the cultural revolution and in line with the policy of making fundamental changes in education. The employees of the above centers will be engaged in other educational establishments during the period that their centers' educational activities are suspended.

SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCES 3 OIL MINISTRY OFFICES CLOSE

LD240408 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0230 GMT 24 Aug 80

[Text] According to a report by PARS NEWS AGENCY, a spokesman for the Oil Ministry has announced that as of 23 August 1980 the operations supervising offices of the dependent oil companies, the personnel office and the high-ranking personnel office have been disbanded.

MINISTRY URGES IMMEDIATE CUTBACK IN ELECTRICITY CONSUMPTION

LD241520 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1459 GMT 24 Aug 80

[Text] Here is message No 3 from the Ministry of Energy:

Owing to the shortage of electricity, reduce your lighting and unnecessary consumption for 2 hours from now on. Otherwise, the Ministry of Energy will be forced to introduce power cuts.

OFFICIAL REPORTS ON COAL SUPPLY TO STEEL INDUSTRY

LD242252 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 24 Aug 80

[Text] The supervisor of the National Steel Company of Iran in an interview with PARS NEWS AGENCY today, called the rumors concerning a shortage in the coal requirements of the Esfahan steel mill as baseless. He said: The coal requirement of the steel mill is not solely supplied by the Kerman mines, but is supplied by four mineral units of Kerman, Zirab, Shahrud and Sangrud.

He added: The Kerman mines are among the most active mines in the country. The workers in Kerman have so far implemented all the assigned programs well, and have also compensated for the shortages at other mines.

He added: One of the main causes of anxiety regarding the shortage of coal at present is the lack of coal delivery from abroad, which was previously supplied by the Federal Republic of Germany. Due to the economic boycott its export of coal to Iran has been stopped.

The supervisor of the National Steel Company of Iran added: Of course, there exist technical problems in the Sangrud and Zirab mines, which, thank God, are about to be solved. Regarding the same matter, he said: The problem of importing coal from Germany has been solved, and there is no cause for worry about the shortage of coal reserves. On the other hand, thanks to the outstanding efforts of the Kerman miners the [word indistinct] reserves of the silos of the plant has reached around 9,000 tons of coal [words indistinct]; this figure is sufficient for six operational days.

Regarding the purchase of coal from the Soviet Union the supervisor of the National Steel Company of Iran said: The purchase of coal from the Soviet Union is at present not possible due to the lack of coal stocks in that country. A relevant contract has been signed with Poland, but unfortunately the delivery of coal from Poland has been deferred to next year, for special reasons.

ARMY TO HOLD SEMINAR ON STRENGTHENING FORCES

LD251122 Tehran PARS in English 0741 GMT 25 Aug 80

[Text] Tehran, 5 Aug (PARS NEWS AGENCY)--The joint staff of the army announced yesterday that a seminar is scheduled to be held to investigate means for the further cooperation and strengthening of the armed forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran, for determination of relations among the security and military organisations and their cooperation with other revolutionary institutions as well as prevention of unauthorised interferences in others' affairs.

On the orders of the leader of the revolution and the founder of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Imam Khomeyni, Hojjat ol-Eslam Ishraqi has been assigned to attend the seminar (?and) report on its merits to the imam. Government officials, leading persons and representatives of various institutions will attend the seminar. The 3-day seminar, which is being organised by the politico-ideological department of the joint staff of the army, will start on Tuesday and will last until Thursday. It will be held between 9 a.m. till 1 p.m. each day at the headquarters of the joint staff of the army.

INTERIOR MINISTRY DENIES PERMIT FOR 24 AUG RALLY

LD232048 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1930 GMT 23 Aug 80

[Text] According to the Central News Bureau, the Interior Ministry of the Islamic Republic of Iran issued a statement tonight in connection with a rally organized by the workers of the printing industry which is due to be held tomorrow, Sunday, 24 August. The text of the statement is as follows:

In His exalted name. It is brought to the attention of all the dear fellow citizens that workers of the printing industry have announced a march to be held tomorrow, Sunday, 24 August. No permit has been granted by the Interior Ministry for this march. Under present circumstances when conspirators and opportunists affiliated to the Eastern and Western colonizers intend to penetrate (?among) the working (?groups) to sabotage and create conflicts, in view of the need for calm in society, particularly at the time of selection of the Cabinet with new figures in charge and the start of their work, there will be no march or rally tomorrow.

It will be postponed to a later date, for which permission must be obtained from the Interior Ministry in advance.

On behalf of the supervisor of the Interior Ministry, [Signed] Mostafa Mir-Salim

SHAH'S HOLIDAY HOUSE TO BE USED FOR IMPRISONED ADDICTS

LD240514 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0230 GMT 24 Aug 80

[Text] The head of the national prisons supervising council has announced that the holiday house of the treacherous shah, situated in an area near Lashgarak Dam, has been designated as accomodations for imprisoned addicts. This house will be put at the disposal of the national prisons office soon.

TEHRAN REPORTS BOMB FOUND IN KHALKHALI OFFICE

LD232040 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 23 Aug 80

[Text] According to reports, a bomb which had been placed at the office of Hojjat ol-Eslam Sheykh Sadeq Khalkhali, the supervisor of the headquarters for the fight against narcotics, in Qasr Prison, was discovered and defused by officials of the fight against narcotics.

THREE SENTENCED, EXECUTED FOR NARCOTICS OFFENSES

LD230530 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0230 GMT 23 Aug 80

[Text] The special Islamic Revolution Court concerned with the antinarcotics campaign sentenced to death three individuals who had supplied and distributed narcotics and committed thefts and knifings. The sentences were carried out early this morning. Those executed were as follows:

Hasan Reza'i Purnazari, the son of Hoseyn, alias Hasan Kuchikeh, resident of Tehran;

Gholam (?Taran), the son of 'Ali Asghar, a citizen of Miando'ab, resident of Tehran;

Gholam Reza Esma'ili, the son of Hoseyn, a resident of Tehran.

Four More Executed

LD251122 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0930 GMT 25 Aug 80

[Excerpt] According to a Central News Bureau report, a special court dealing with drug smugglers in the Hormoz region sentenced four members of one of the most important heroin and drug smuggling rings to death. They were executed at dawn today in Bandar-e 'Abbas.

DEATH OF DEMOCRATIC PARTY OFFICIAL REPORTED

LD250818 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1930 GMT 24 Aug 80

[Text] The public relations office of the Revolution Guards Corps of Urumiyeh has issued the following statement in connection with the killing of former fugitive Major 'Abbasi, the man in charge of the military operations of the defunct Democratic Party:

In the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful. Destroy the ring-leaders of blasphemy.

Muslim sisters and brothers, in the course of operations carried out on Saturday, 23 August 1980 by the Shavand group from the strike unit of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps of Urumiyeh in the city of Mahabad, the former fugitive Major 'Abbasi, the man in charge of military operations of the defunct Democratic Party, agent of disarming the Mahabad garrison in February 1979 and engineer of the operations which 40 days ago resulted in the martyrdom of 15 brother guards in the village of Band, Urumiyeh region, was killed along with fugitive Captain Chamadi and Mahmud Salehi, while a number of the peshmergas of the party were wounded. In these operations one of the fighting Islamic Revolution Guards corpsmen was martyred and the second man [as heard] returned to his base safely.

AFP: FORMER MINISTER DJAVAD SADR ARRESTED

NC251556 Paris AFP in English 1547 GMT 25 Aug 80

[Text] Tehran, Aug. 25 (AFP)--A former minister under the ex-shah of Iran, Djavad Sadr, was arrested here today by revolutionary guards and incarcerated at Evin Prison, the newspaper KEYHAN reported. Mr Sadr was interior minister in the cabinet of Hasan 'Ali Mansour and then justice minister in Amir Abbas Hoveyda's cabinet. Quantities of gold, clothing, belts and handbags were confiscated from the home of the former minister, the newspaper said.

ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT DISCOVERED; TWO PEOPLE ARRESTED

LD241544 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0930 GMT 24 Aug 80

[Text] According to our correspondent's report, thanks to the efforts of the Revolution Guards of the committee of the 14th district, a warehouse full of radio and electronic equipment was discovered and two persons were arrested in this connection. In this warehouse, which is owned by a person by the name of [name indistinct] (Tabasi), audio equipment, various kinds of transmitters, high-tension cables and spare parts were discovered. Also, a number of reels of film of [words indistinct] and those affiliated to the [Pahlavi] court and other agents of the defunct former regime were discovered.

The owner of the [words indistinct] was the former financial [word indistinct] of television organization and the customs' [words indistinct]. Those arrested confessed during (?interrogation) that with the help of two persons who spoke with Kurdish accents and two foreigners who had Iranian birth certificates, they placed the equipment in (?fruit) boxes and removed them from the warehouse. They also confessed that whenever the country faced crises which were created by counterrevolutionary elements, they had a better opportunity for transporting the objects.

CONTINUING UNREST, VIOLENCE IN PROVINCES

Evacuation of Northwestern Kamyaran

LD231050 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1005 GMT 23 Aug 80

[Text] The following statement was issued today by the public relations office of the army chief of staff of the western part of the country [words indistinct]:

Attention inhabitants of the northwestern part of Kamyaran. With the help of God (?certain) parts of the region have been cleared of counterrevolutionaries. Now the areas of (Bishem Sefid), (Kazem Khani), (Gavani), (Takht-e Sangeh) and (Dargeh) as well as the areas in between are under a strict seige by the Islamic Republic's Army and the Revolution Guards Corps. Consequently, it is imperative to evacuate the mentioned areas and hand over the raiding counterrevolutionaries. Otherwise, all the aforementioned areas and their suburbs will be (?shelled) by ground and air, due to the presence of counterrevolutionaries.

Statement on Kamyaran Clash

LD231815 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1754 GMT 23 Aug 80

[Text] The Central News Bureau a few moments ago announced: According to a report of the army public relations staff of the western part of the country, following the mopping-up operations in the region of Kamyaran, which were carried out successfully, a clash started at 1000 this morning between the army forces, Revolution Guards Corps, gendarmerie and the Muslim Kurdish peshmerga on the one hand and counterrevolutionaries on the other hand. The details of the clash are as follows:

Following the mopping-up operations of the previous days in the northwestern region of Kamyaran, today there was an intense clash between the armed assailants, who had ambushed the dispatched unit. and the government forces around the villages of Mahian, (Charkol), (Pianeh), Gowhar, (Takht-e Zangi) and Chashmeh Safid. During this clash 133 of the assailants were killed and 40 of them surrendered with their heavy and light arms.

A statement was issued by the joint operational staff of the western part of the country about this clash, the mopping-up of the region and the handing over of the counterrevolutionaries to the forces. In response to this statement a large number of the inhabitants of the above-named villages announced their support by waving white flags and handed over some of the assailants,

The efforts of the Cobra helicopter pilots during this clash were outstanding, which must be appreciated.

One member of the government forces was martyred during this clash, and four others were wounded. They are in satisfactory condition. The clash ended at 1200 today.

The joint operational staff of the west n part of the country calls upon the inhabitants in the region under the mopping-up operations to hand over the counterrevolutionaries, because the mopping-up operations will be continued; otherwise the inhabitants themselves will be responsible for any future incidents.

Attack on Shahindezh Guards Post

LD221058 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0930 GMT 22 Aug 80

[Text] According to a report by the Central News Bureau, the premises of the Guards Corps in Shahindezh district in the region of Miando'ab came under attack last night from light and heavy weapons and mortar by armed illegal groups. Some houses in the vicinity were damaged. The attack was repulsed by the fire of members of the Shahindezh Guards Corps and by the Muslim and Kurdish peshmerga and other security forces. The assailants were forced to withdraw. The forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran suffered no casualties.

The district officer of Shahindezh confirmed this report and said: The committed Muslim people of this region are prepared, with the assistance of the military brothers and the Guards Corps, to suppress the saboteurs and the illegal armed groups.

Abadan Magistrate's Appeal

GF231725 Ahvaz Domestic Service in Persian 1230 GMT 23 Aug 80

[Text] The shar' magistrate and Islamic Revolution prosecutor of Abadan and Khorramshahr has announced: As of Saturday, 23 August, until 1 September, all persons in Abadan and its districts, Khorramshahr, Mahshahr, Shadegan, Arvandkenar, Minu Island and Dastmin who own guns can deliver them to the Revolution Court in (south Govardeh), Abadan so they benefit from the general amnesty.

In this announcement, the owners of unlicensed guns have been strongly warned that anyone possessing unlicensed guns after this period will be dealt with severely.

Abadan-Mahshahr Pipeline Explosion

GF231350 Ahvaz Domestic Service in Persian 1230 GMT 23 Aug 80

[Text] An explosion occurred on the Abadan-Mahshahr gas pipeline approximately 40 km from the Abadan-Mahshahr road at about 2400 yesterday. The resulting fire was brought under control by 1355 today. The fire did not damage the gas pipeline, and the flow of gas continues.

Bomb Defused Near Ahvaz

GF231603 Ahvaz Domestic Service in Arabic 1400 GMT 23 Aug 80

[Text] The Ahvaz Revolution Guards Corps has announced that Revolution Guards in (Kazingar) discovered a 4-kg bomb near the village of [name indistinct] yesterday afternoon. The bomb was then defused.

Dezful Explosion

GF231405 Ahvaz Domestic Service in Persian 1230 GMT 23 Aug 80

[Text] A bomb explosion in Dezful has killed one person and injured another. The explosion occurred this morning when a bomb went off in a car parked in front of a house in (Azar) street in Dezful. The car was destroyed as a result of the explosion. Two residents of the house were injured, one of whom died before reaching the hospital. Revolution Guards, security forces and firemen arrived at the scene of the explosion shortly after it occurred. An investigation into the matter is underway.

Movements of Qashqa'i Tribes

NC221755 (Clandestine) Free Voice of Iran in Persian to Iran 1500 GMT 22 Aug 80

[Text] Our correspondent reports that the brave Qashaq'i tribes have taken up positions on the northwestern heights of Firuzabad to avoid attacks by Khomeyni's mercenary guards. They have occupied an area within an 80-km radius and are controlling suspicious movements of armed Revolution Guards and reconstruction crusaders who, under the mask of developmental activities, want to infiltrate into the area.

Recently, guards of Fars Province and of Firuzabad began making the necessary preparations for an offensive against the Qashqa'i tribes, but the brave and patriotic Qashqa'is, who became aware of the guards' plot, decided to migrate immediately. The Guards Corps also intended to attack the Qashqa'i tribes and disarm them, but the brave tribes started an unscheduled migration and headed toward the mountains, taking up positions in their refuges to strongly crush any attack by the guards.

The Firuzabad Guards Corps commander announced in a meeting that a secret plan for crushing and disarming Qashqa'i tribes had been prepared and would be implemented in the future. However, he did not reveal details of the plan. It is said that the brave Qashqa'i tribes will resist any aggression by the guards with extraordinary courage.

Firuzabad Prosecutor Statement

GF231826 Shiraz Domestic Service in Persian 1400 GMT 23 Aug 80

[Statement issued by Firuzabad Islamic Revolution prosecutor on 23 August 1980--read by announcer]

[Text] In the name of the Almighty. I am informing the honest citizens of Firuzabad and its environs that the Islamic Revolution prosecutor's office is ready to investiage any regional security matters, stop any plots by counterrevolutionaries and investigate the grievances of the oppressed people of the region. With the help of the Almighty, I will work diligently to achieve these goals.

It is hoped that all brothers and sisters, especially the tribes, will forward complaints regarding plots and ruffians to this office.

[Signed] The Islamic Revolution prosecutor of Firuzabad, 'Ali Reza Sadr

Shiraz Friday Imam Warning

GF231745 Shiraz Domestic Service in Persian 1400 GMT 23 Aug 80

[Excerpts] Friday prayers in Shiraz were led, as usual, by Ayatollah Dastgheyb, the Friday imam of Shiraz. In his sermon, the Friday imam said: The enemies of the Islamic Revolution will not be able to harm us. The power of these plotters, regardless of what group they belong to, cannot surpass the power of U.S. imperialism (?against Iran). God protects the Islamic government, and I am certain that the present plot that is about to be (?hatched) in Fars will not succeed.

He added: I have been informed of suspicious movements in parts of Fars Province. The armed forces, the dear guards and all citizens should make a thorough search to identify the plotters and nip the plot in the bud.

While stressing the role of the people in protecting the Islamic Revolution during the second part of his sermon, the Friday imam warned the plotting landowners and gave his assurances regarding the final victory of the revolution and the formation of a just and Islamic government.

Night Mission in Shiraz

GF241715 Shiraz Domestic Service in Persian 1400 GMT 24 Aug 80

[Text] PARS NEWS AGENCY reports that three aircraft from the 7th fighter squadron will fly a night mission at 1900 today.

Marivan Clashes

LD221036 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0930 GMT 22 Aug 80

[Text] Our correspondent reports from Kermanshah radio center that an informed source in the joint headquarters of the operations in the west of the country has said in a telephone conversation with the Central News Bureau: At midnight last night as the result of clashes between assailants and guards and the army of the Islamic Republic of Iran who had been deployed to Dehgizan district of Marivan in order to carry out mopping-up operations two assailants were killed, five were wounded and eight of them were arrested. One of the struggling brothers from the Guards Corps called (Sadeq Nowbakht) was martyred. These clashes continued until 0730 this morning.